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Crop Report for September 4, 2005

Saskatchewan farmers have 18 per cent of the 2005 crop combined, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

This week's progress marks an improvement from eight per cent last week, but is well behind the five-year average of 38 per cent combined.

Harvest is furthest advanced in the southwest, where 38 per cent of the crop is combined. About four per cent has been combined across the northern grainbelt. Eastern areas were again delayed by rain.

The fall rye crop is 79 per cent combined, with five per cent put to alternate uses. The winter wheat crop is 83 per cent harvested. Peas are at 58 per cent and lentils are at 54 per cent. About 27 per cent of the triticale crop has been combined, with 18 per cent put to alternate uses. Mustard is at 29 per cent combined. All other crops are less than 20 per cent combined.

Rain, wind and insects caused the majority of the crop damage this past week. Reporters expressed several quality concerns, including staining, bleaching, lodging, sprouting and light bushel weights. Other concerns expressed include shattering, mould, scattering of swaths, lodging, second growth and muddy fields.

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For forage producers:

· Forage claims and production declarations must be registered by September 30. Your declaration can be submitted by mail, phone, fax or in person at your customer service office.

· It is now necessary to complete your declaration before Crop Insurance can register your post-harvest claim.

· If you are in a claim position, speak to your adjuster at inspection time about deferring your indemnity. Deferrals must be requested before the cheque is issued.

· Complete program and contact information can be found at www.saskcropinsurance.com.

Saskatchewan Harvest Progress at September 4, 2005

	% In Swath or Ready to Str.Cmb.			% Combined		
	2005	2004	Average 2000-04	2005	2004	Average 2000-04
Winter wheat	12	26	11	83	20	71
Spring wheat	30	15	18	9	1	38
Durum	33	14	12	16	3	39
Oats	23	7	21	8	2	26
Barley	35	14	17	17	3	42
Fall rye	13	33	11	79	32	75
Triticale	19	10	15	27	16	40
Flax	4	1	12	1	0	9
Canola	63	40	44	11	1	29
Mustard	34	26	19	29	8	44
Sunflowers	0	0	1	0	0	1
Lentils	29	32	14	54	16	57
Peas	27	26	10	58	23	67
Canary seed	8	4	12	1	1	16
Chickpeas	10	12	n.a.	15	1	n.a.
Total	**35**	**19**	**21**	**18**	**5**	**38**

1 Year Ago

Farmers had 5% of the 2004 crop combined. Fourteen per cent was combined in the southwest.

Topsoil remained wet as many areas received showers.

Damage came from grasshoppers, sawflies, bleaching, staining, mould, sprouting, and frost.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

South eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	93	72
Spring wheat	17	7
Durum	20	6
Oats	15	8
Barley	35	17
Fall rye	93	73
Triticale	6	0
Flax	1	0
Canola	28	15
Mustard	24	16
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	59	34
Peas	81	60
Canary seed	1	0
Chickpeas	46	32
Total	28	15

The south eastern region had a thunderstorm mid-week and then winds and warmer temperatures. An average of 45 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 14 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 3ase, to an average high of 59 mm reported in CD 1b. Over 100 mm was reported in the Indian Head area. Wind damage was reported throughout the region. Damage from flooding and hail was reported in CDs 1b and 2. Weather damage included shattering, shelling out, lodging, staining, sprouting, and bleaching. Reporters expect grade loss. Golf ball sized hail was reported northeast of Weyburn.

Twenty-eight per cent of the 2005 south eastern crop has been combined and a further 32% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Fall crops are furthest ahead with 93% of the both the winter wheat and the fall rye combined. Eighty-one per cent of the peas, 59% of the lentils, and 35% of the barley have been combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter this past week. Sixty-three per cent of reporters rated topsoil moisture as adequate and 27% rated topsoil moisture as surplus. Conditions were also wetter on hay and pasture land with 71% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate and 12% rating it as surplus.

Sawflies were a major source of crop damage this past week and farmers are swathing when they can to help mitigate the damage. Rust was reported in CD 2b.

Desiccation is taking place for weed control.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

South western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	96	84
Spring wheat	31	8
Durum	19	3
Oats	31	12
Barley	39	22
Fall rye	77	60
Triticale	35	13
Flax	0	0
Canola	37	17
Mustard	56	15
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	75	47
Peas	88	77
Canary seed	4	0
Chickpeas	8	1
Total	38	20

The southwest was warmer and drier this past week though some areas saw showers. An average of 4 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 3asw, to an average high of 9 mm reported in CD 3an. Wind damage, including lodging and scattering of swaths, was reported in CDs 3asw, 3an, 3bs, and 4a. Hail damage was reported in CD 4a. Reporters expressed concern about bleaching, lodging, and staining.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 2005 south western crop has been combined and a further 29% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight combined. Fall crops are furthest ahead with 96% of the winter wheat crop and 77% of the fall rye crop combined. Eleven per cent of the fall rye has been put to alternate uses. Eighty-eight per cent of the peas, 75% of the lentils, 56% of the mustard, 39% of the barley, and 37% of the canola have been combined. Other crops are 35% or less combined. Some farmers in the southwest have completed harvest.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried up from last week, with no reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 10% last week. Conditions were similar to last week on hay and pasture land with 44% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate, compared to 42% last week.

Insects were the main source of crop damage this past week, with reporters citing damage from aphids or sawflies. Swathing is taking place due to sawfly infestation. Glume blotch was reported in CD 3an. Gophers are caused damage in CD 3bs.

Pastures are poor in the southwest and some farmers in the Viceroy and Hazenmore areas are already providing supplementary feed to their stock.

There were a few combine fires last week in CD 3an, but fortunately they did not amount to much. Some desiccated lentil crops in CD 3bs were reported to be shelling out. One farmer in CD 3bn was having problems with "chipping" because lentils are so dry. Geese were feeding on shelled out lentils and peas in CD 3bn.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

East central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	71	47
Spring wheat	4	1
Durum	4	0
Oats	2	1
Barley	15	6
Fall rye	87	62
Triticale	4	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	10	3
Mustard	9	1
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	36	12
Peas	41	23
Canary seed	0	0

The east central region was windy and wet during the past week. An average of 50 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 42 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 60 mm reported in CD 5b. Ninety millimeters of rain was reported in the Broadview and Elfros areas. Damage from flooding and wind damage was reported across the region. Frost damage was reported in CDs 5b and 6a. Spotty hail damage was reported in CD 6a. Reporters expressed concern about lodging, shattering, shelling, staining, bleaching, pitting, bushel weight loss, mould, and sprouting.

Eleven per cent of the 2005 east central crop has been combined and a further 47% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Eighty-seven per cent of the fall rye and 71% of the winter wheat have been combined. Forty-one per cent per cent of the peas, 36% of the lentils, and 15% of the barley have been combined. All other crops are less than 15% combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are quite wet with 42% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 20% last week. Low spots in fields are full of water in many areas. Conditions on hay and pasture land are good with 90% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 75% last week.

Insect damage came from flea beetles and sawflies. Some crops are being cut early to help with the saw fly damage. Rust and mildew were reported in CD 5a. Geese, deer, moose, and coyotes caused crop damage in CD 6a.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

West central combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	66	13
Spring wheat	5	0
Durum	2	0
Oats	4	0
Barley	9	0
Fall rye	76	32
Triticale	0	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	3	0
Mustard	2	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	30	8
Peas	35	6
Canary seed	1	0
Chickpeas	0	0
Total	9	1

The west central region was started off warm, turned cool and damp, and then drying by the weekend. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported across the region, with the highest average amount being 8 mm reported in CD 6b. The Dundurn area reported 21 mm. Wind damage was reported in CDs 6b and 7b. Reporters expressed concern about scattered swaths, light bushel weights, staining, bleaching, sprouting, and lodging.

Nine per cent of the 2005 west central crop has been combined and a further 31% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Seventy-six per cent of the fall rye and 66% of the winter wheat crop have been combined. Thirty-five per cent of the peas and 30% of the lentils have been combined. Progress on the remaining crops is less than 10%.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried up from last week, with 3% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 24% last week. Conditions were good on hay and pasture land with 84% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 78% last week.

Sawflies continue to be a source of crop damage in the west central region; aphids were reported in CD 7a. Wheat is being swathed to keep ahead of the saw fly damage. Fungal disease in lentils was reported in CD 7a.

Farmers will have to deal with weeds and second growth. Combines are getting stuck in low spots.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

North eastern combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	40	16
Spring wheat	1	0
Durum	0	0
Oats	2	0
Barley	9	1
Fall rye	37	15
Triticale	n/a	n/a
Flax	0	0
Canola	1	1
Mustard	2	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	4	0
Peas	25	2
Canary seed	3	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	4	1

The north eastern region received more rain this past week. An average of 37 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 26 mm reported in CD 9ae, to an average high of 45 mm reported in CD 8a. Amounts of over 70 mm were recorded in the Arborfield area. Damage from wind and flooding were reported in CD 8. Reporters expressed concern about sprouting, lodging, erosion, second growth, light bushel weights, and bleaching.

Four per cent of the 2005 north eastern crop has been combined and a further 38% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Winter wheat is 40% combined and fall rye is 37% combined. Twenty-five per cent of the peas have been taken off. All remaining crops are less than 10% combined.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland got wetter this past week, with 54% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 33% last week. Conditions are also wetter on hay and pasture land with 24% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus compared to none last week.

Sawflies and bertha armyworm larvae caused crop damage in CD 8b, while grasshoppers caused damage in CD 9ae. Mould and mildew were reported in CDs 8b and 9ae.

Swathers are leaving ruts in the fields, and farmers are getting machinery stuck. Bales are sitting in water in hay fields.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

North western combining progress

	% this week	% last week
Winter wheat	n/a	n/a
Spring wheat	1	0
Durum	0	0
Oats	0	0
Barley	5	1
Fall rye	58	16
Triticale	0	0
Flax	0	0
Canola	1	1
Mustard	0	0
Sunflowers	0	0
Lentils	0	0
Peas	22	4
Canary seed	0	0
Chickpeas	n/a	n/a
Total	4	1

The north western region was generally warm and sunny during the past week. An average of 3 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week. The largest reported amount of rain was 12 mm in the Shellbrook area. Flooding damage is still present from last week in CD 9b, and some wind damage was reported there. Reporters expressed concerns about lodging, second growth, mould, and sprouting.

Four per cent of the 2005 north western crop has been combined and a further 26% is lying in the swath or is ready to be straight-combined. Fifty-eight per cent of the fall rye and 22% of the peas have been combined. Other crops are 5% or less completed.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland dried a bit during the past week, with 20% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as surplus, compared with 31% last week. Conditions improved on hay and pasture land with 96% of reporters rating topsoil moisture as adequate compared to 83% last week.

Insect damage came from saw flies, bertha armyworm larvae, grasshoppers, and diamondback moth larvae. Gophers are causing spotty crop damage in CD 9b. Geese damaged crops in CD 9aw.

Farmers are still trying to put up hay. Some fields have been down for three weeks.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending September 3, 2005

Crop Dist.	No.		Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2		Mount Pleasant	19	344
	3	B	Enniskillen	20	374
	31		Storthoaks	14	311
	34		Browning	35	334
	35		Benson	54	390
	63	A	Moose Mountain	20	264
	64		Brock	38	363
1B	92		Walpole	11	240
	94		Hazelwood	28	352
	95		Golden West	70	358
	123		Silverwood	61	404
	124		Kingsley	68	382
	125		Chester	75	293
	151	B	Rocanville	60	410
	153		Willowdale	80	321
	154		Elcapo	72	305
	155		Wolseley	61	406
2A	36		Cymri	55	395
	66		Griffin	46	269
	67		Weyburn	59	278
	68		Brokenshell	31	280
	96		Fillmore	75	369
	97		Wellington	70	337
	99		Caledonia	23	354
2B	126		Montmartre	68	324*
	127		Francis	82	418
	128		Lajord	59	241
	129		Bratt's Lake	28	250
	131		Baildon	34	336
	156	A	Indian Head	102	476
	156	B	Indian Head	73	410
	157		South Qu'appelle	61	446
	158		Edenwold	52	273
	160		Pense	35	208
	161		Moose Jaw	12	243
	191		Marquis	20	267
3ASE	8		Lake Alma	22	287
	9		Surprise Valley	6	275
	38	B	Laurier	17	286
	39	A	The Gap	15	212
	39	B	The Gap	12	261
3ASW	10		Happy Valley	1	258
	12		Poplar Valley	NIL	178
	40		Bengough	3	272
	42		Willow Bunch	NIL	243
	43	A	Old Post	NIL	208
	71	A	Excel	10	234
	71	B	Excel	5	183
	73	A	Stonehenge	NIL	223
	73	B	Stonehenge	NIL	255
3AN	101	B	Terrell	33	273
	102		Lake Johnston	12	252
	104		Gravelbourg	TR	179
	132		Hillsborough	5	184
	164		Chaplin	NIL	196*
	193		Eyebrow	12	276
	194		Enfield	NIL	222
3BS	17	B	Val Marie	5	164
	45		Mankota	5	163
	46	A	Glen Mcpherson	4	183
	75	A	Pinto Creek	5	148
	75	B	Pinto Creek	7	158
	76	A	Auvergne	3	134
	76	B	Auvergne	3	163
	78	A	Grassy Creek	3	231
	78	B	Grassy Creek	5	155
	78	C	Grassy Creek	4	228
	105		Glenbain	5	305
	106		Whiska Creek	9	191
	108		Bone Creek	1	248
3BN	135		Lawtonia	1	250
	136		Coulee	4	272
	137		Swift Current	4	172
	138		Webb	3	245
	166		Excelsior	1	269
	167		Sask. Landing	2	272
	225		Canaan	NIL	229
	226		Victory	3	321
	228	A	Lacadena	3	240
	228	B	Lacadena	11	287
	256		King George	NIL	297
	257		Monet	5	279
4A	19		Frontier	6	356
	49	A	White Valley	1	201
	49	B	White Valley	NIL	316
	79		Arlington	5	190
	109	B	Carmichael	6	330
	110		Piapot	10	314
	111	B	Maple Creek	NIL	315
4B	139		Gull Lake	8	246
	141		Big Stick	3	294
	142		Enterprise	TR	291
	169		Pittville	10	228
	171		Fox Valley	TR	273
	229		Miry Creek	13	231
	232		Deer Forks	NIL	309
5A	152		Spy Hill	50	302
	181		Langenburg	29	315
	184	A	Grayson	10	258
	184	C	Grayson	90	376
	185		Mcleod	86	456
	186		Abernethy	45	358
	211		Churchbridge	43	376
	213		Saltcoats	51	355
	214		Cana	45	383
	241		Calder	87	544
	245	A	Garry	69	351
	245	B	Garry	52	401
	246		Ituna Bon Accord	54	454
	247		Kellross	71	442
	248		Touchwood	38	301
5B	271		Cote	55	420
	276		Foam Lake	77	414
	277		Emerald	67	349
	304		Buchanan	44	249
	307		Elfros	90	373
	308		Big Quill	52	398
	335		Hazel Dell	72	392
	336		Sasman	71	327
	337		Lakeview	44	322
	338		Lakeside	54	278
	366	A	Kelvington	51	324
	366	B	Kelvington	57	334
	367		Ponass Lake	47	355
6A	189		Lumsden	48	333
	190	A	Dufferin	38	307
	190	B	Dufferin	33	260
	190	C	Dufferin	33	244
	219	C	Longlaketon	46	317
	220		Mckillop	51	313
	221		Sarnia	25	299
	222		Craik	NIL	310
	251		Big Arm	50	435
	252		Arm River	31	283
	279	A	Mount Hope	52	314
	279	B	Mount Hope	59	446
	280		Wreford	48	314
	281		Wood Creek	38	289
	282		Mccraney	26	368
	309		Prairie Rose	69	299
	310		Usborne	52	397
	312		Morris	50	282
	339	A	Leroy	55	252
	339	B	Leroy	57	265
	340	A	Wolverine	36	287
	340	B	Wolverine	44	302
	341		Viscount	45	264
	343		Blucher	20	227
6B	254		Loreburn	3	315
	283		Rosedale	10	401
	284		Rudy	6	382
	285		Fertile Valley	6	371
	286		Milden	6	304
	314		Dundurn	21	328
	344		Corman Park	4	279
	345		Vanscoy	6	346
	346		Perdue	8	322
	376	A	Eagle Creek	13	298
	376	B	Eagle Creek	10	305
	403		Rosthern	10	282
	404		Laird	3	246
7A	259		Snipe Lake	10	283
	287		St. Andrews	9	346
	290		Kindersley	NIL	260
	292		Milton	NIL	292
	317	B	Marriott	10	379
	318	A	Mountain View	10	314
	318	B	Mountain View	12	363
	319		Winslow	0	281
	320		Oakdale	NIL	318
	321		Prairiedale	NIL	312
7B	347	A	Biggar	11	309
	347	B	Biggar	8	272
	350	A	Mariposa	NIL	285
	350	B	Mariposa	NIL	256
	351		Progress	NIL	354
	352		Heart's Hill	NIL	470
	377	A	Glenside	9	312
	377	B	Glenside	8	316
	378	A	Rosemount	9	312
	378	B	Rosemount	6	314
	379		Reford	TR	328
	382		Eye Hill	NIL	508
	409		Buffalo	NIL	318
	410		Round Valley	NIL	375
8A	395		Porcupine	69	416
	397		Barrier Valley	43	444
	398		Pleasantdale	33	434
	428		Star City	33	468
	456		Arborfield	72	413
	457	A	Connaught	53	284
	457	B	Connaught	40	239
	458		Willow Creek	30	298
	486		Moose Range	51	284
	487		Nipawin	30	261
8B	369		St. Peter	35	301
	370		Humboldt	36	327
	372		Grant	30	307
	373	B	Aberdeen	25	232*
	399		Lake Lenore	29	425
	400		Three Lakes	35	297
	401		Hoodoo	41	307
	402		Fish Creek	37	341
	429	A	Flett's Springs	27	393
	429	B	Flett's Springs	32	362
	430		Invergordon	36	284
	431	A	St. Louis	49	311
	459		Kinistino	30	305
9AE	461		Prince Albert	21	338
	488		Torch River	23	383
	520	A	Paddockwood	25	154
	520	B	Paddockwood	34	262
9AW	406		Mayfield	10	305
	435		Redberry	NIL	278
	464		Leask	5	300
	466		Meeting Lake	4	352
	467		Round Hill	NIL	292
	493		Shellbrook	12	245
	494		Canwood	8	250
	496		Spiritwood	2	317
	555		Big River	NIL	416
9B	438	A	Battle River	NIL	397
	438	B	Battle River	NIL	293
	440		Hillsdale	NIL	344
	470		Paynton	NIL	387
	472		Wilton	3	479
	498	A	Parkdale	1	304
	498	B	Parkdale	NIL	251*
	499		Mervin	TR	402
	501	A	Frenchman Butte	1	361
	501	B	Frenchman Butte	1	312
	501	C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	339
	502		Britannia	NIL	414
	561		Loon Lake	NIL	436
	588	A	Meadow Lake	5	343
	588	B	Meadow Lake	NIL	425
	588	C	Meadow Lake	5	477
	622		Beaver River	7	375

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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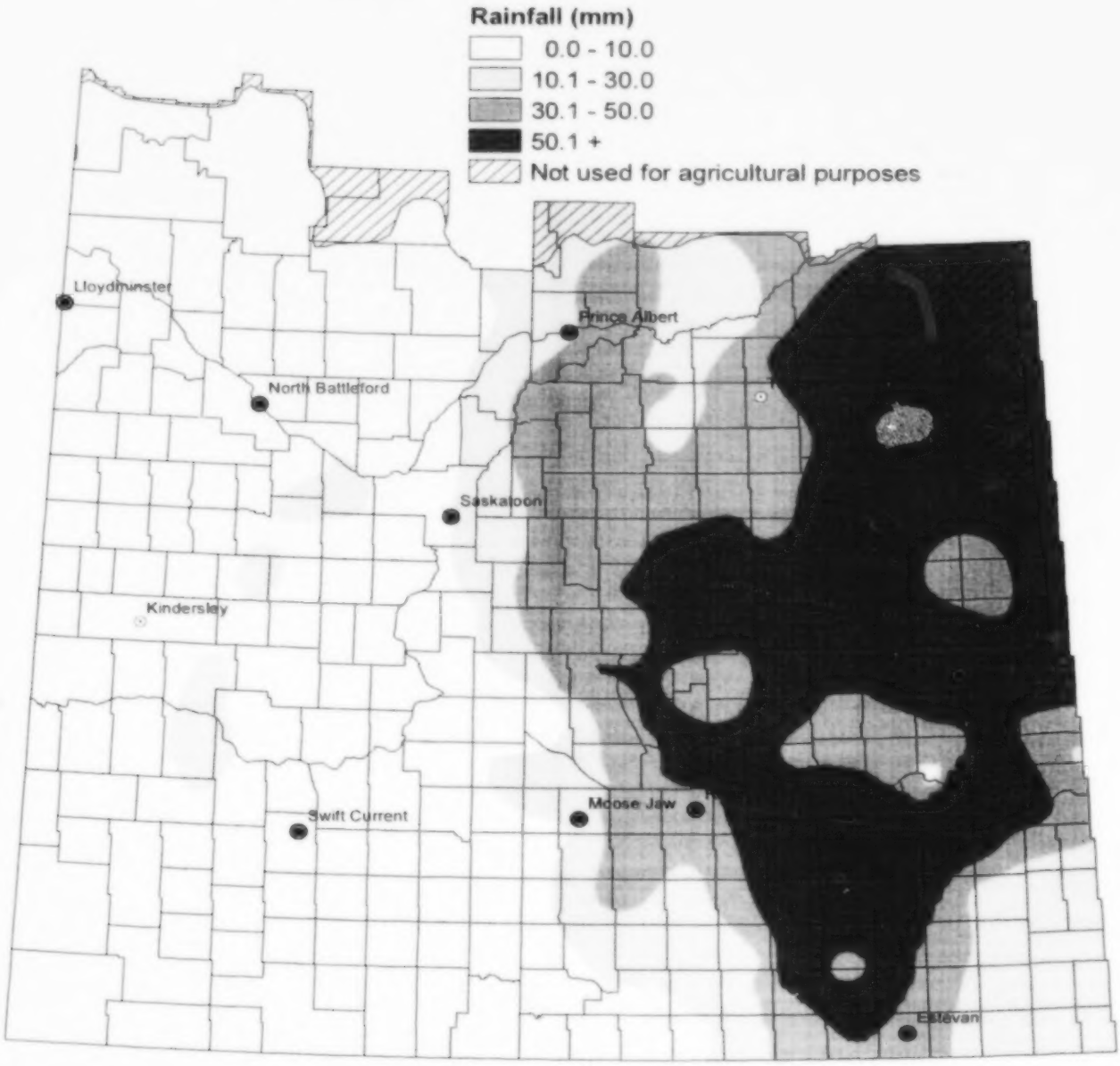
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending September 3, 2005



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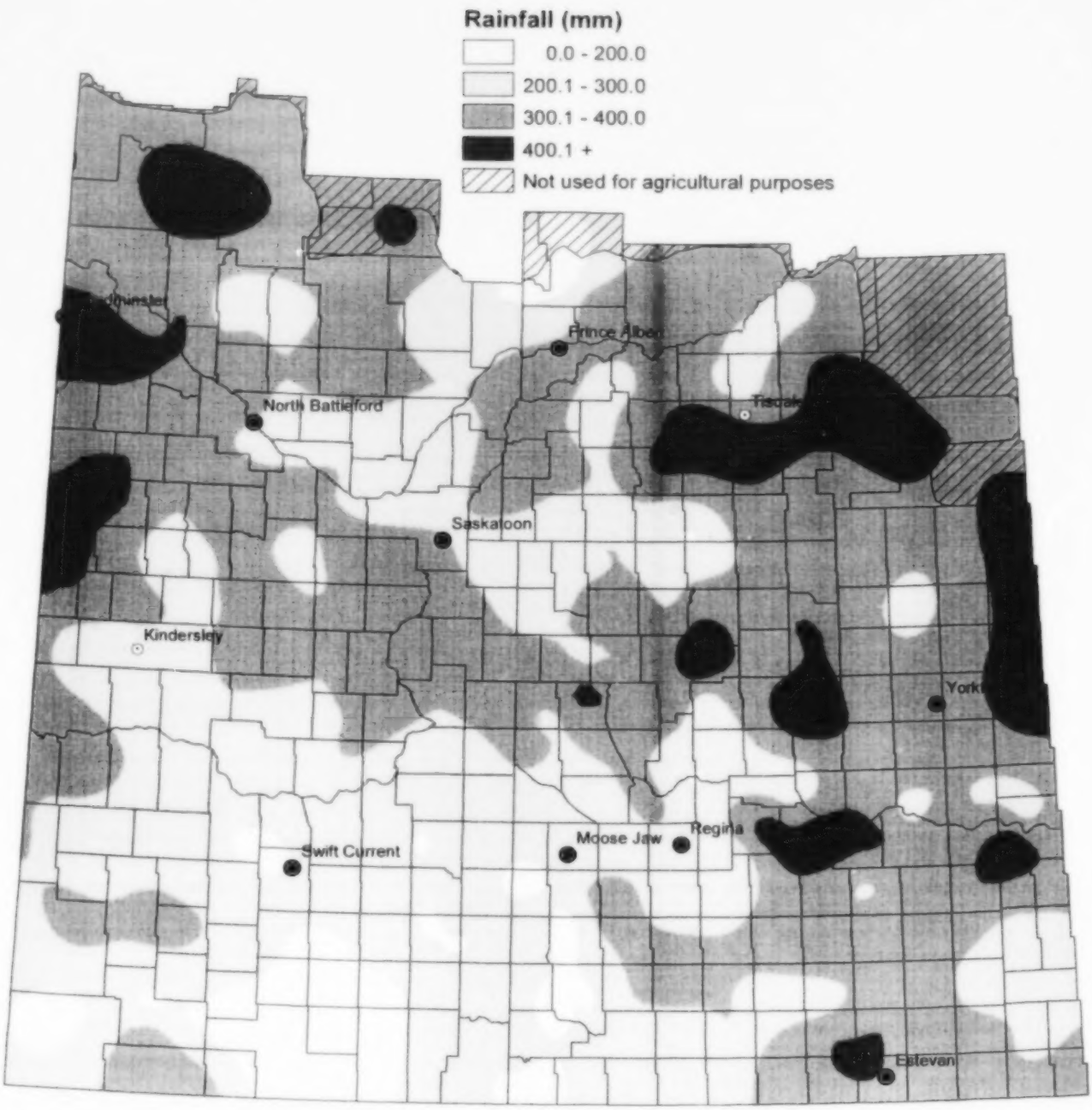

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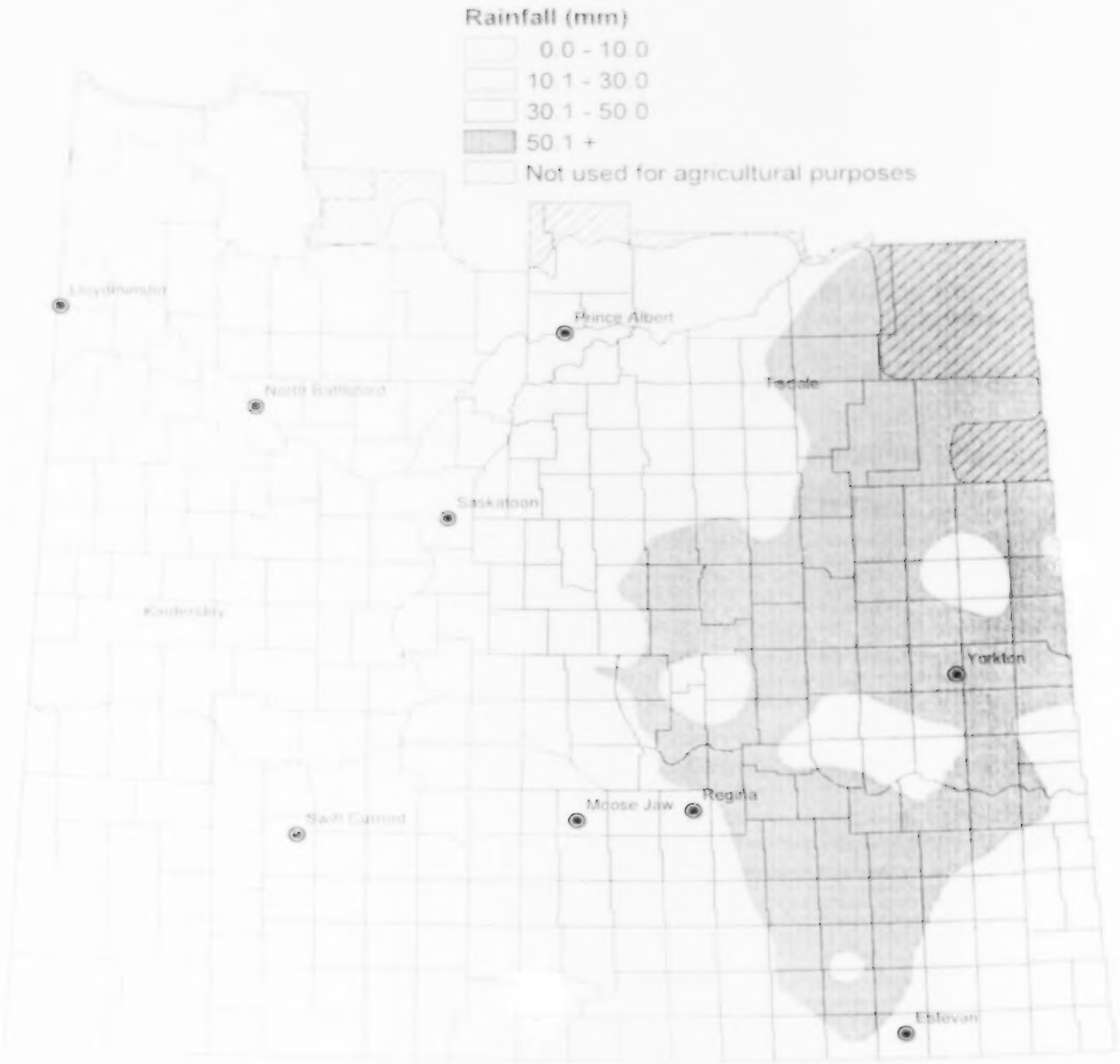

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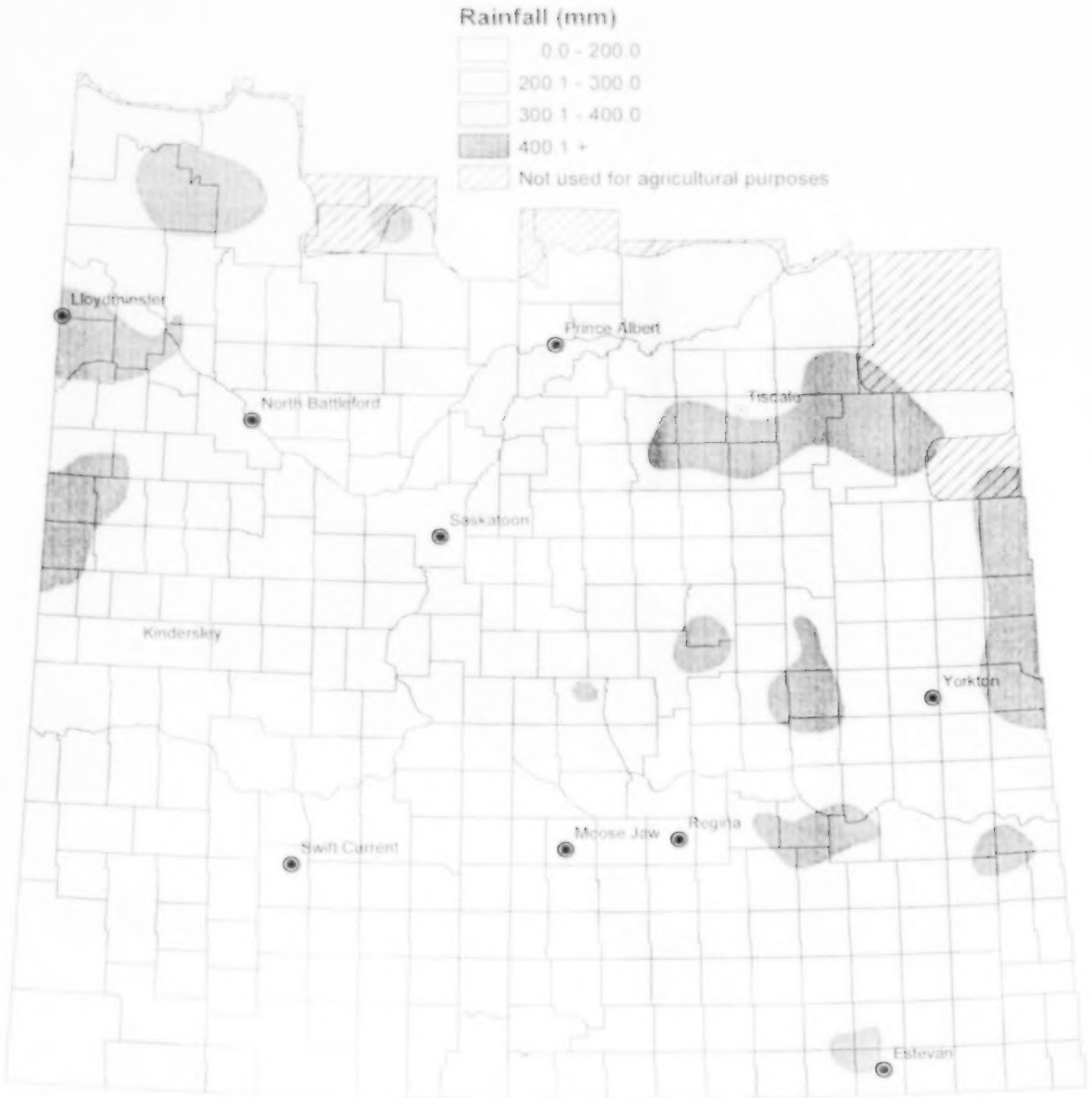

Crop Districts
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